

# MONEY IS IMPORTANT

Financial Discipleship Series





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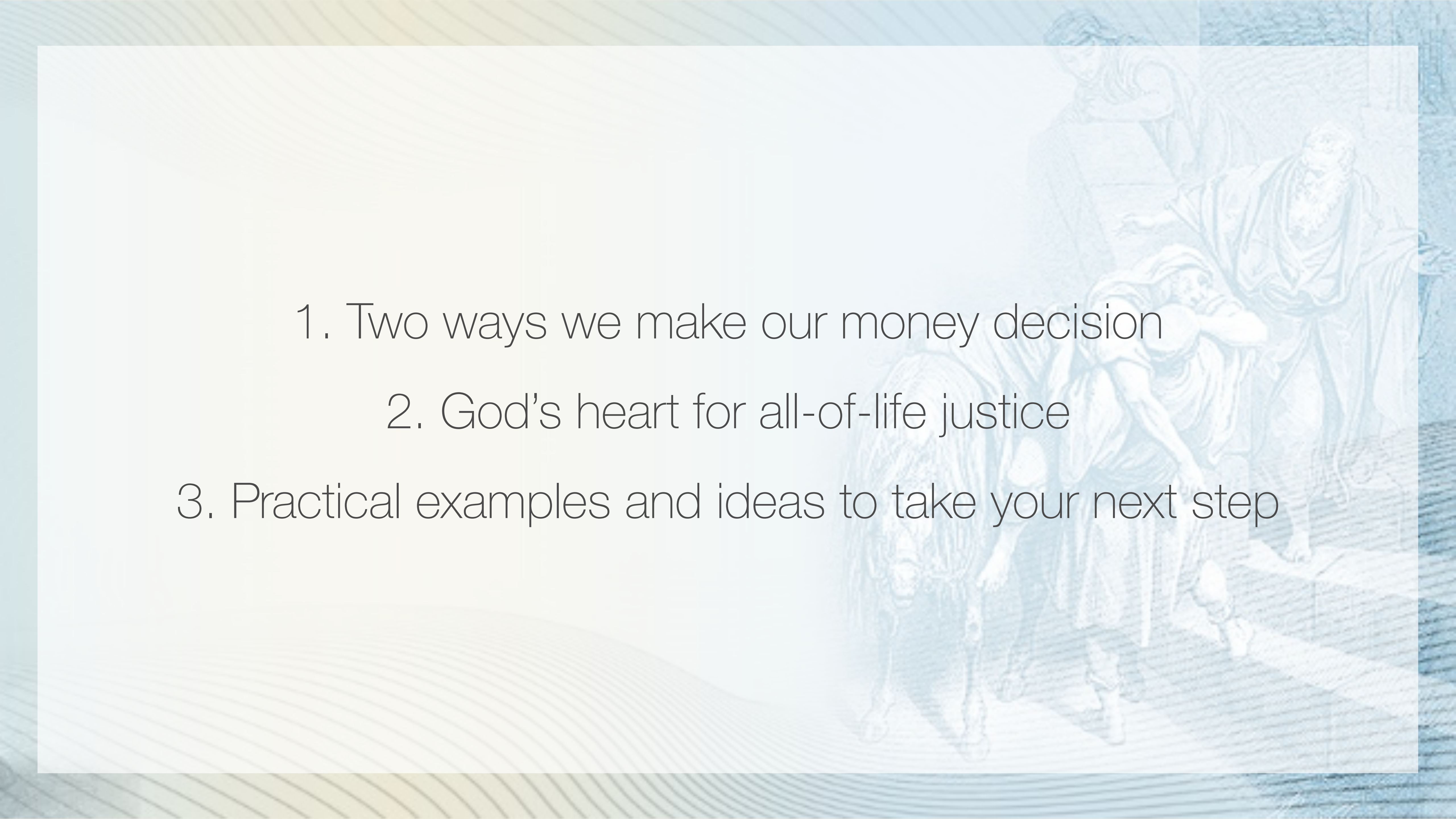
IT IS  
**JUSTICE**



How can we use **all of our financial decisions**,  
not just our giving,  
to express God's heart of justice to this world?





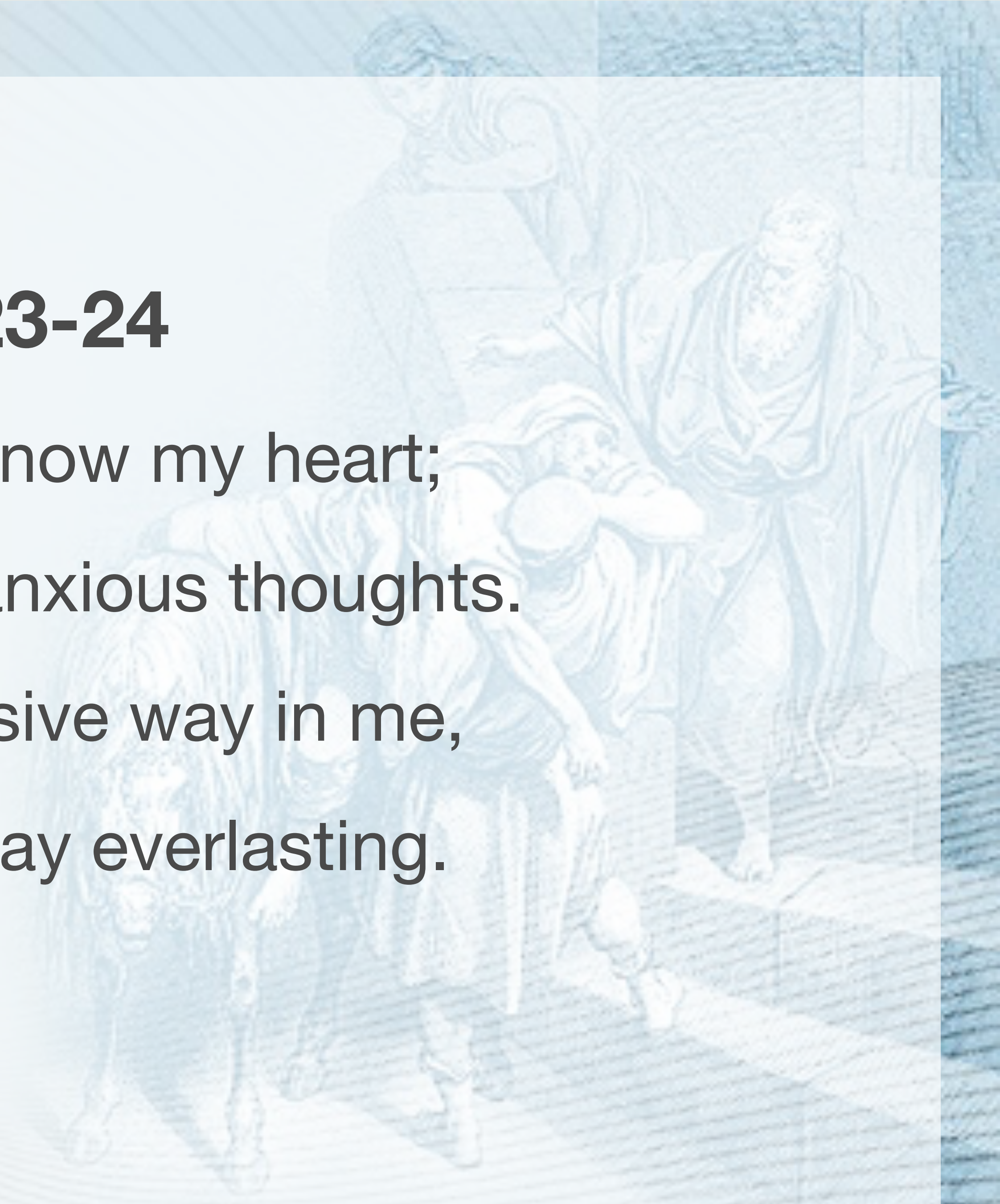
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## **Psalm 139:23-24**

Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.







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# Two ways we make our money decision

## **PROFIT FIRST**

Money as a  
**measure of value  
for myself**

**Earning, spending, investing** |

## **PEOPLE FIRST**

Money as a  
**means of valuing  
other**

**Giving**



# Integrated stewardship

## **PROFIT FIRST**

Money as a  
**measure of value  
for myself**

## **PEOPLE FIRST**

Money as a  
**means of valuing  
other**

**Earning, spending, investing and giving**



## Money as a **measure of value for myself**

Bank account, income, price

*“Did I get a good deal?”  
“Will I have enough?”*

Usually applied to spending,  
investing/saving, earning

## Money as a **means of valuing other**

Fairness, livelihood, generosity, justice

*“Are others better off?”  
Does this communicate love and  
dignity?”*

Usually applied to giving



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# Isaiah 58 - A people after God?



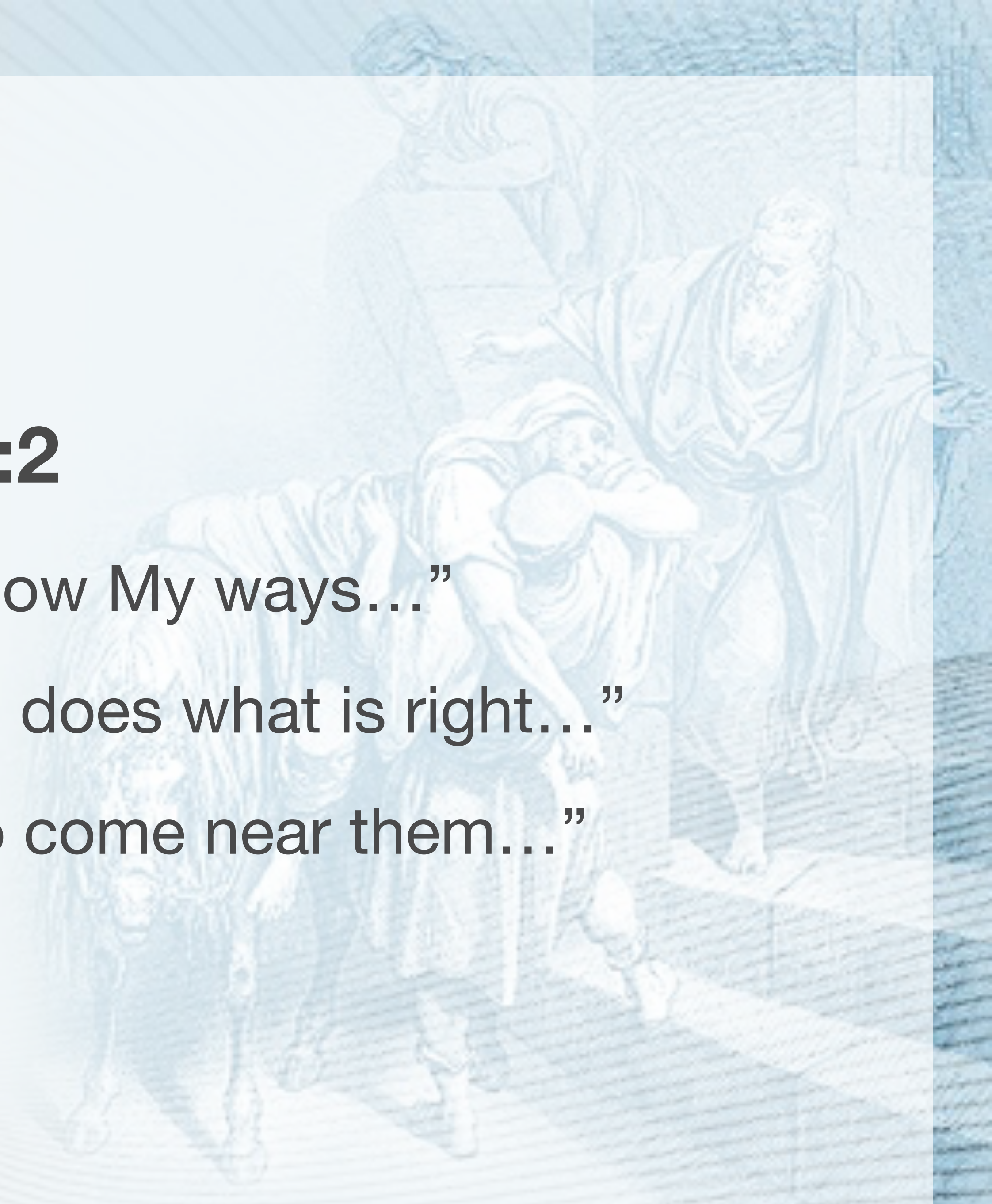


## Isaiah 58:2

“...they seem eager to know My ways...”

“... as if they were a nation that does what is right...”

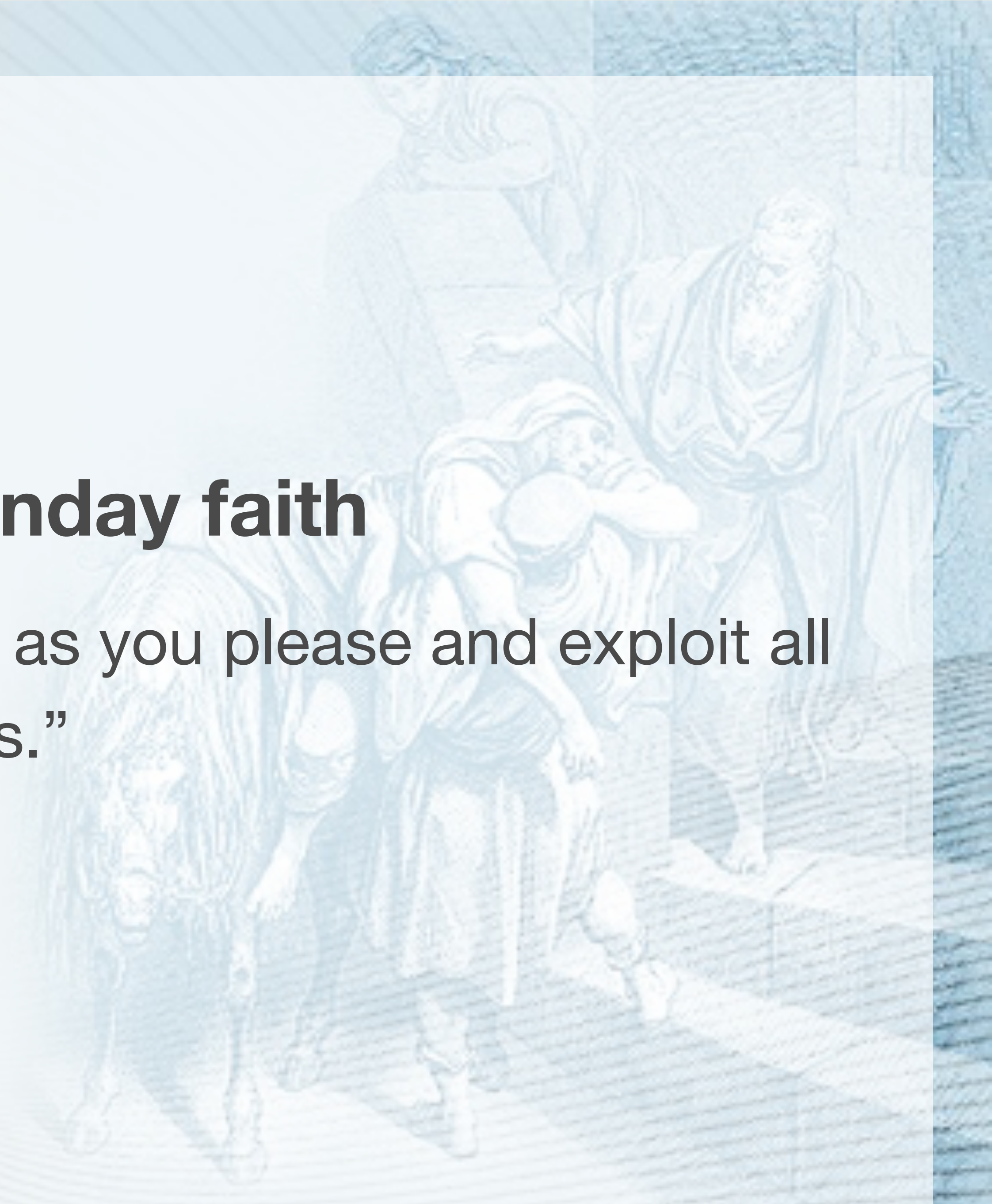
“...and seem eager for God to come near them...”





## **Isaiah 58:3 - A Sunday faith**

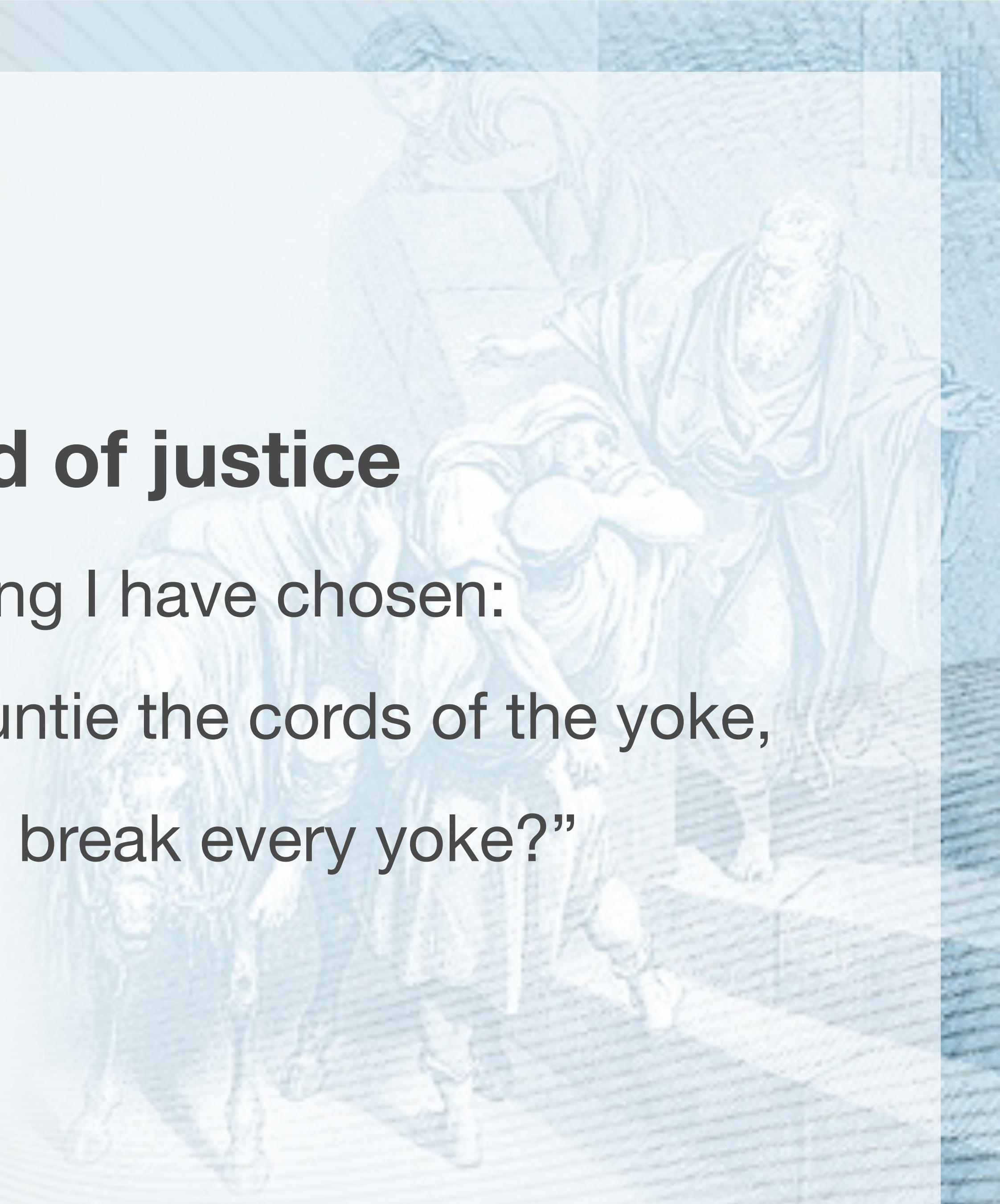
“Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.”





## **Isaiah 58:6 - A God of justice**

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?"





**Have you compartmentalised your financial  
faithfulness to just giving and tithing?**







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# EXAMPLES & IDEAS

Spending

Investing





# SPENDING

Ideas and examples

- 1) Commit to your communities
- 2) Shop safe - e.g. ethical fashion
- 3) Look for a fair deal





# WHAT DOES THAT \$14 SHIRT REALLY COST?



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# INVESTING

Ideas and examples

- 1) Be part of the solution, not the problem - e.g. homelessness
- 2) Use your Super
- 3) Impact investing - e.g. TEAR





# **An invitation to know God's heart**





## Matthew 25:21

His master said to him,  
“Well done, good and faithful servant.  
You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.  
**Enter into your master’s joy.”**

